

***TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 2, 2010***

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were: Chairman Garry Smith, Perry Martin, John Withers, Dave Reagan, Ron Wright Councilmember John Basham, and Commissioner David Byers. Also present were Director Mark Kirby and Secretary Kay Muse.

Chairman Garry Smith called the meeting to order.

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010, second by Member Dave Reagan; motion carried.

***NEW MEMBERS***

Councilmember John Basham  
Ron Wright

Chairman Smith welcomed Councilmember John Basham to the TEMA Advisory Council.

Mr. Wright is the Director of Emergency at Purdue University. Mr. Wright will be replacing Carol Selby.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

- **Budget** – Director Mark Kirby presented the 2010 budget. Mr. Kirby stated the garage supplies includes fuel purchases and typically runs on a two-month cycle; fuel is a large part of our expenditures. Uniforms are supplied for volunteers as well as the staff. We do try to provide some equipment to the volunteers when practical, last year gloves were provided to the volunteers. Service subscriptions include weather services for real time weather and the satellite link for the command truck. Physical exams are a requirement for all Hazardous Materials Technicians who volunteer for TEMA and we do provide the funds for that. Travel training for both staff and volunteers, we cover the fee for any seminars. Maintenance and repair is mostly for electronics including communication radios. Telephone is self-explanatory, and allows TEMA to keep in constant contact during emergencies. EDIT monies of \$20,000 are allotted for maintenance and repair of the warning system.
- **Hospital Move** – The hospital move was completed with no issues. On Saturday March 6, 2010, we will be participating in a table top exercise with the American Red Cross, the goal is to test their readiness to deal with a mass shelter scenario. The scenario will be that George Davis Manor will need to evacuate due to fire and chemical issues. This will provide a good opportunity for inter action with the many entities involved in an emergency situation.

- **TEMA Facility** – Storage facility of emergency equipment has been put on hold until the storage needs of the entire county can be evaluated. One question being raised is whether or not Tippecanoe County doing too much to prepare for emergency issues outside of Tippecanoe County. Director Kirby stated that it has been brought to my attention that many of the residents of surrounding counties not only work and pay taxes in Tippecanoe County, they also shop, visit doctors and patronize many other establishments in the county. There have been a number of counties that are willing to help and we are investigating possible storage areas in those counties.

Councilmember Basham stated his appreciation to the surrounding counties for offering help with the storage of emergency equipment, adding the equipment needs to be centrally located. Mr. Kirby stated that he agrees and would like for any equipment being stored in another county be brought to us in the case of an emergency situation. Ron Wright said we should find a cost effective means of the maintaining and storage of emergency equipment.

- **Training** – Tim Batta and Marty Webb are not in attendance. Marty is training in Brownsburg, IN and will be there all week. Tim is on vacation.
- **Vehicles** – Mr. Kirby stated the truck currently driven by Marty Webb needs \$4,000 in repairs. The Commissioners have given approval to locate a used vehicle to purchase. Tim will be rotated into a van, Marty will take the Excursion, and the Suburban will be traded in.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- **Thursday March 4, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. TEMA will be hosting the annual severe weather awareness seminar; the National Weather Service hosts this seminar. This annual presentation will be held at Ivy Hall, and is open to the public.
- **March 15-19, 2010** is severe weather awareness week. This is to remind everyone that winter is almost over and severe weather is possible in the coming weeks. There will be media releases relating to the severe weather warnings etc.
- **March 17, 2010** the outdoor warning system is scheduled to be tested at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; this will give the public an opportunity to have safety drills.

### ***HAZMAT***

- Director Kirby reported there has been two responses this past month; one was a petroleum base roofing material spill.

### ***COMMENTS***

Director Kirby stated that the Army Reserve Building located on South Street may become available soon and would be an excellent location for a TEMA facility. The Army Reserve will be moving out to the National Guard Facility later this year. Councilmember Basham stated that it would be a great location for a TEMA facility, adding the Health Department could also

occupy part of the building. Chairman Garry Smith suggested being pro-active by contacting state senators and anyone who may have input on the use of that property.

***NEW BUSINESS***

None

Councilmember Basham moved to adjourn.